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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS NOTES

1. UNSC DEBATE ON ME CONTINUES TO DOMINATE CAIRO PRESS. REPORTING IS DRAWN PRIMARILY FROM WIRE- SERVICE DESPATCHES AND, WITH EXCEPTION OF AHAM' S COVERAGE OF ZAYYAT' S REMARKS ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND REPORTED GOE REJECTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRECONDITIONS (BOTH ITEMS ARE BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY), CONTAIN LITTLE THAT IS NEW. FOCUS IS ON SUPPORT FOR EGYPT IN UNSC DEBATE.

2. JUNE 8 PRESS REPORTS THAT SADAT IS SCHEDULED TO FLY TO TRIPOLI JUNE 10 TO ATTEND CEREMONIES ON ANNIVERSARY OF EVACUATION OF WHEELUS ON FOLLOWING DAY. ACCORDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO AHAM, INVITATION WAS EXTENDED BY QADHAAFI BY
TELEPHONE JUNE 7. IN PROBABLY RELATED DEVELOPMENT,
SADAT IS REPORTED TO HAVE MET WITH HEAD OF LIBYAN
RELATIONS OFFICE IN CAIRO JUNE 7.

3. PRESS HAS CARRIED SHORT ITEMS REPORTING ARRIVAL
OF SYRIAN DEFMIN TLAS JUNE 6 AT HEAD OF SYRIAN MILITARY
DELEGATION, AND FACT OF HIS MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN WARMIN
ISMAIL JUNE 7.

4. WITHOUT ELABORATION, PRESS REPORTED MEETING BETWEEN
SADAT AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR VINOGRADOV JUNE 6. ALSO REPORTED
PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR HAFEZ ISMAIL RECEIVED MINISTER GREENE
JUNE 7 ON OCCASION OF END GREENE'S MISSION IN CAIRO.

5. HEYKAL'S JUNE 8 ARTICLE DEALS WITH HIS VIEWS ABOUT
ISRAEL'S VIABILITY. HE STATES THAT, AFTER YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE WITH AND STUDY OF THE SITUATION, HE HAS CON-
CLUDED THAT " ISRAEL HAS NO FUTURE IN THIS PART OF THE
WORLD, BEING CONDEMNED BEFOREHAND BY HISTORY." HE ADDS
THAT ARABS CAN, WITH REASON, HELP THE HAND OF HISTORY.
HEYKAL'S ARGUMENTS REST ON THE DEMOGRAPHIC (BY YEAR TWO
THOUSAND, THERE WILL BE 74 MILLION EGYPTIANS VERSUS 6
MILLION ISRAELIS), SOCIOLOGICAL (CONTINUANCE AS ISOLATED
GARRISON STATE IS DESTRUCTIVE), AND POLITICAL (MAJOR
POWERS DECLINE, AND THEREFORE US CANNOT GUARANTEE
ISRAEL'S FUTURE). HE STATES THAT ISRAELI ADVANTAGE IS
TEMPORARY. SHE KNOWS THIS AND IS TRYING TO CAPITALIZE
ON HER PRESENT SITUATION BY TOTAL DEPENDENCE ON US,
BY BREAKING UP ARAB WORLD THROUGH OCCUPATION OF
TERRITORY, BY BUILDING STRONG DETERRENT ARMY, BY
ALWAYS TAKING INITIATIVE IN STRIKING EGYPTIAN ARMY
AND BY CARRYING THEATER OF ACTION INTO ARAB TERRITORY
RATHER THAN FIGHTING ON HER OWN LAND. HEYKAL SUGGESTS
THAT DESPITE PRESENT SITUATION, HISTORY WILL NOT BE
FOOLED, AND ISRAEL WILL NOT PREVAIL.
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